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2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He is expected to return, and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. Baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper; and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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CHANGE IN OFFICE PERSONNEL

The readers of the EVANGEL will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Ruth Kinsolving Johnson, who has served faithfully in the Mission Department as secretary to the Executive Missions Secretary, has tendered her resignation.

As well as being the secretary, she is responsible for the composite work of the *Macedonian Call* and her many other duties. We appreciate her faithfulness and hope for her the best of everything.

Reverend George R. Cook has accepted this position. Brother Cook was born in India and served as secretary-treasurer for the State of Georgia.

Brother Cook will serve as the secretary to the Executive Missions Secretary and will be responsible for the composite work of the *Macedonian Call* and as general office manager, as well as deputational work when called upon.—Executive Secretary.

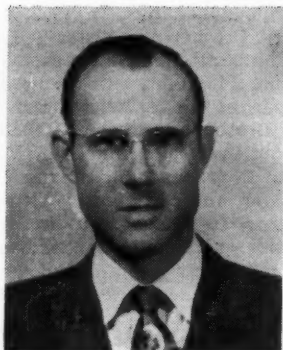
THE GODLESS YOUTH MANUAL, RE-EDITED FROM 1947's ORIGINAL, WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE SOVIET UNION, EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING TEN COMMANDMENTS.

"RUSSIA'S DECALOGUE"

1. Remember that the clergy, regardless of faith, is the foremost enemy of our Communist state.
2. Thou shalt labor diligently to draw thy friends and acquaintances toward communism, never forgetting that the Communist party is the supreme authority of the atheists of the whole world.
3. Teach thy friends to shun all priests.
4. Guard thyself against spies, condemn saboteurs.
5. Busy thyself in the propagation of anti-religious magazines and newspapers.
6. Let every faithful Communist be also a militant and forthright atheist.
7. Thou shalt resist religious ideas, always and everywhere, protecting thy friends from them.
8. The faithful atheist is likewise a goodly policeman, ever watchful of the security of the Communist state.
9. Give generously of what thou hast to carry on missionary work among the unenlightened, especially outside the Soviet Union where atheism suffers underground.
10. Remember that if thou be not a devoted atheist, thou canst not be a faithful Communist nor even a firm Soviet citizen on whom our state can rely. Atheism and communism are of one bond, and these ideals are the foundations of Soviet power.



The ruins of Tepeji de Rio after the fanatic group of religionists finished their devastating work.



Blood- stained Paths

By VESSIE D. HARGRAVE,
Superintendent of Latin America

"I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," Galatians 6:17.

Paul had suffered the perils of sea and land, the dangers imposed upon those who unreservedly dedicate their lives to mission work, and, as a consequence, he had suffered bitterly at the hands of both man and beast. His physical body bore marks of his encounters with the enemies of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He had not particularly sought the persecution through which he passed, but uncomplainingly went through it in order to propagate the message of salvation.

We have our modern-day Pauls who bear in their body marks inflicted by twentieth-century persecutors of the gospel. The path taken by the Church is not one strewn with the beautiful gardenias, orchids, and other flowers which our sisters often throw about the necks of our missionaries when they visit some beautiful tropical church. It is not a path upon which men ordinarily praise us. It is true that often we are received by reception committees who load us down with floral wreaths of orchids, gardenias, lilies, and beautiful fernery, and frequently our native brethren, in appreciative tones, with trembling voices and tearful eyes, tell our missionaries of their love for them.

The path we have chosen is not an easy one. It is rough and rocky. It has taken us over the high rocky passes of the Andes and to the deserts of coastal Peru and Chile. It winds its way to the hinterland of Africa, Mexico, Brazil, and Honduras. We have traveled on foot, by horseback, oxcart, buggy, bicycle, car, train, canoe, ship, and airplane. Over these trails have traveled men and women of whom the world is not worthy.

We often read of the hardships of our American missionaries. There has been an interesting story of mental, spiritual, and physical suffering upon land and water, in heat and in cold. Our hearts are made to bleed when we read of their sacrifices and their constant exploits with death itself in order to put the Church in every country of the world. We very respectfully remove our hats and reverently bow our heads in honor of those who have suffered for Christ's sake upon some foreign soil. However, we are often prone to forget the native minister who is continually the victim of much more severe persecution than our American personnel. These twentieth-century persecutions are recorded in heaven, if not in the annals of our mission efforts. **THE PATH WE HAVE TAKEN IS SPRINKLED WITH BLOOD.**

In *La Gloria, Veracruz, Mexico*, we had a lovely group of

Indian brethren who were having an all-night funeral service in one of their homes which was being used as the place of worship. The dead child was carefully placed upon a small table in the center of the room, and the people were praying, singing, and preaching the Word of God, when suddenly the bell rang at the nearby Catholic Church. The ringing of the bell was not anything particularly alarming, since that is something that one hears very often. But this happened at a time of the night which made the ringing of the bell noticeable. Almost simultaneously with the ringing of the church bell, men armed with almost every conceivable weapon, from poles and machetes to picks and guns, converged immediately upon the group having the funeral vigil. They blocked the doors, threw the dead child in the manure with the cattle and hogs in the corral behind the house, beat the men, violated the virtuous women, took the cattle and other desirable animals, burned every Christian home in the community, and removed anything useful to them to their own homes. Our brethren, over fifty of them, escaped to the cold mountains nearby, with nothing more than the clothes left ragged upon their backs by the beatings of the angry mob. For three days they hid in caves and underbrush before the message came through to Mexico City, at which time we sent rescue parties to get them. As a consequence, nine children died of hunger and the abusive kicks given by the religious, yet fanatical mob. Many suffered broken arms and lacerated bodies. They lost their homes and all possessions, but they remained faithful to God. They were rehabilitated in Mexico City, and recently we have seen them return to their home community where we now have a thriving church. Some of those who took part in the raid are now members of the Church of God, and they look back with remorse to this incident, yet they say that that was the thing that caused them to believe in the true gospel.

Antonio Lara and his wife were appointed as pastors of the tropical church in *Jalapa de Diaz, Oaxaca, Mexico*. They had been there only a few days when a great revival started, and the whole community was stirred by the miraculous healings and wonderful testimonies of salvation. The Catholics were stirred and incited the Romanists to mob action. While Brother Lara preached, they surrounded the palm-covered church with machetes (long, two and a half-foot knives), then set fire to the highly inflammable building. The few believers started to run but on every hand would encounter a drawn machete. It was a starlit night, but a sudden streak of lightning was seen, and then a sudden downpour put out the flames. This startled the mob. Several of the brethren suffered severe cuts and the loss of fingers, while Sister Lara lost her shoes and was separated from her husband, each thinking the other had either been killed with a machete or hit by one of the many shots that were fired during the attack or had burned to death in the church which was set afire with the people inside. No one died from this affair, but we still have maimed people to this day as a result.

For several years each service which we celebrated in *Mexico* had to be behind closed doors. The worshipers were in constant fear of mob action or even governmental interference.

While Brother Andres Quezada was preaching in *Ciudad Arce, El Salvador*, a drunken man came to the church door, insulting him and threatening to kill him if he did not quit preaching. Brother Quezada continued preaching, ignoring the man. Before a terrified congregation, the

drunken man walked to the pulpit where our brother was preaching, and with one blow of his machete, slashed the side of his head from the crown of his head to his throat. Brother Quezada reached up, held the cut skin and ear back in place and continued preaching until he became unconscious from the loss of blood.

Chucarit, Sonora, Mexico, is a typical Indian village where our brethren have suffered severely to establish the Church. While preaching there one time, Brother J. H. Ingram began to hear bullets sing through the thatched roof overhead, and upon another occasion while Brother Fernando A. Gonzalez and your writer visited that place, we were surrounded by Indians with masked faces, carrying guns. They finally dispersed, shooting in the air.

In *Ahuacatitlan, Guerrero, Mexico*, we now have a beautiful stucco church which stands upon the ground where the first pastor was dragged from a building while he preached. He was stoned before his pleading wife, and died with his head upon his Bible, which she preserves to this day. When I see this blood-stained book, I am humbled in the sight of God and gladly pay tribute to the one who suffered unto death for the gospel's sake. His death did not stop the work, but his blood served as seed which is now springing forth, and several new congregations are being started around this place.

In *La Cruz, Sinaloa, Mexico*, our pastor, Brother Francisco Verdugo, was taken from the pulpit to appear before the authorities. The Health Department declared the services illegal, because he prayed for the sick and God had healed a leper. Brother Verdugo was finally tried before the municipal president, who ordered the services closed. God has reopened this church, and today we march forward.

On one occasion, while Brother Pascual Palacios and Daniel Arriola were preaching in the State of Tabasco, Mexico, in a village near Frontera, they were accosted by several armed men. These men cursed and bemeaned them and then told them they were going to shoot them. They were shot at at close range, and even though the gun fired, the barrel was jammed, and our brethren escaped unharmed. They continued preaching. They were jailed many times, stoned several times, and in many communities were not even allowed to spend the night. The work of God is now established firmly in that section, because these men dared to remain faithful to God.

While Antonino Bonilla was in the church at *Calle Nueva in Guatemala City*, a man entered with a machete and struck him. He suffered no cuts, although some declare that the machete hit him in the face.

Brother Fernando A. Gonzalez and your writer were in *Sahuaripa, Sonora, Mexico*, when an angry mob, led by the priest of the community, attacked the door of the place in which we were conducting the services. When we started out of the building at the request of the owner, we met a raving group of over a hundred people with rocks, poles, knives, and guns. However, we then saw the salvation of God. That mass of people parted as the Red Sea parted for the children of Israel. Stones were thrown against the ground; shots were fired into the air; men yelled; but not one time were we hit. The Son of God, who accompanied the Hebrew children through the fiery furnace, undoubtedly walked with us through that cursing, screaming, angry mob.

Costa Rica's official religion is Catholicism. Noel DeSouza and his wife, graduates of your missionary training school, the International Preparatory Institute, were appointed there in 1950. God crowned their ministry with

successful revivals and miraculous healings. In 1952, a great revival swept the country. Brother and Sister T. L. Osborn went there, and thousands attended their salvation-healing campaigns. Miraculous healings were followed by severe persecutions on the part of the Catholic Government. The revival was closed. Brother and Sister Osborn and Brother Antonio Collazo, our overseer of Puerto Rico, were placed under guard in their rented apartment. Brother Noel DeSouza, our pastor, and other native ministers were lined up in the street to be shot, but finally were taken to the city jail, from which they preached to thousands of people in the streets below the jail windows. At this writing, Brother DeSouza is under police guard in his home.

The church in San Jose, Costa Rica, was built after the great revival, and immediately organized steps were taken to run the Church of God out of town. The church was stoned nightly by organized clubs. Within six months a new roof was perforated in several places by large rocks thrown upon the roof during services.

In *Chucacaca, Guatemala*, at one of our annual conventions, one of our licensed ministers reported from a sixty-four-mile circuit of several churches which he covers on foot. This is not unusual, in the least, since many of our ministers walk to their appointments, but the unique part of this story is that he had no shoes, yet he was faithfully carrying on for God.

While Luis Gonzalez, of *Chilamatal, El Salvador*, was preaching, a group of sixty-five men, armed with long knives and machetes, arrived at the brush arbor and were ordered to take his life. When about to shoot him in the pulpit, God intervened in a marvelous way. The president of the republic ordered a contingent of almost a hundred men to give personal and religious guarantees to us as we continued our convention. That night, I was guarded by this group, of which several came to the Lord, placing their rifles and machetes underneath the altar.

Lucila Rodriguez, of the *Dominican Republic*, when converted, was told by her aged father never to look upon him again with her heretical eyes—not even after he was dead.

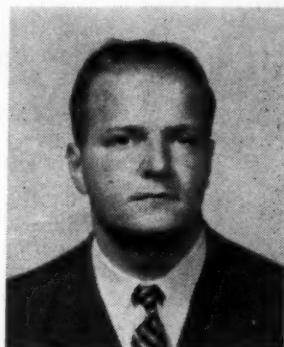
Hundreds of our young people have been beaten and thrown from their homes by their parents upon accepting the gospel of Christ. Some have been tortured until they went back upon God; others have held tenaciously to the One in whom they have believed. Many wives, upon returning home from a service, are beaten by angered and drunken husbands. Few non-Christian men will permit the wife and children to attend church. Often I have seen women with machete bruises on their arms and legs, with their teeth knocked out, and their hair pulled out by having been dragged about by the hair.

Antonia Colindres, of *Honduras*, is of a prominent family, and when our missionary, Josue Rubio, took the message to her, she accepted with all her heart. She was in the highest social circles of the country, having been educated by the American school which is promoted by the American Embassy of Tegucigalpa. She was thrown out of her home and her inheritance taken from her when she became a Christian. Today she is preparing for the ministry, by faith, in the I.P.I.

At *Tepeji del Rto, Mexico*, just a few months ago, our brethren were having a wonderful service in their new church building, when in rushed an angry mob inspired by the local Catholic priest who ordered the affair, and, while this group physically attacked our brothers and sis-

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NEW PERSONNEL



RAUL DEL PIERO

Brother Raul A. del Piero has recently been employed to work in the Latin American Department as a compiler to assist in the preparation of the Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian publications. Brother Del Piero is an Argentine, a graduate from the Department of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Buenos Aires. Further, he was given a scholarship by the Spanish Government as one of five of the most brilliant students

from all the universities throughout Latin America, to attend the University of Salamanca in Spain. He was graduated with his Doctors degree in Philosophy in Many of 1953. He comes to us at the age of twenty-four as a consecrated Pentecostal young man who purposes to dedicate his life to the cause of missions through preaching and the printed page. Brother Del Piero is amiable, yet very unassuming. He speaks, very fluently, Spanish, English, French, and Italian. Besides, he has a reading knowledge of Latin, German, Portuguese, and Hebrew, and also five years of university work in the classics and the original Greek of the New Testament.

I am sure we all feel grateful to God for this young man whom He has prepared for this great field. We now are preparing the official organ of the Church of God in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian, besides the Sunday School literature, the Correspondence Course, tracts, Church teachings, and various other literature.

Did you know that with \$5.00 per month you can send 100 *Evangelos* to Spain, Portugal, Venezuela, Italy, Colombia, Paraguay, or Ecuador? We have no missionaries in these places. Why not send the *Evangel* so that it can testify to the power of Jesus? Your Y.P.E. or Sunday School class could adopt this as a missions project.



An Indian wedding in Ojitlan, Oaxaca, Mexico. This is our church in that place... Brother Alejandro Portugal officiating.

GO

By Antonino Bonilla, Jr.

General Youth Director of Mexico and Central America

Mark 1:15-20; Matthew 28:19, 20

Among the last instructions which Christ gave to His disciples was one of outstanding importance: "Go . . . and preach the gospel." This is a holy and noble mission, and one that, while being carried out, has brought blessing to the world, and the name of Christ has been glorified.

Often we admire men for the way in which they have been obeyed as they assumed responsibility and authority—the judge with his gavel, the orchestra director with his baton, the voice of the military officials, and the like—but no voice has been obeyed as has the imperative eternal voice of Christ as He commands us to "go." The world doesn't see the One who sends us, "because you see him not." Although He is at the right hand of His Father in heaven, He dwells in our hearts. The Church of God has not given its missionary responsibility second place, but rather the principal place: "You shall be witnesses of this gospel in all nations."

"Missions is the world's greatest business and the Christian's first responsibility." The imperative voice of Christ to "go" is for every believer. We should go; we must go! Did you realize that "your love has a broken wing if it cannot fly across the sea"? The apostle Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth us." We live in an atmosphere filled with that love. We have the ambition to be His witnesses in "Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Church of God, because of its Christian principles and its loyalty to the Master and His cause, has been writing a most glorious chapter in the history of the world. Fifty-six countries and territories is sufficient proof of God's confirmation upon the message of the Church in our young but experienced missionary journey. We have been and are now promoting the full gospel. Because of this, we do not worry about the results, for we know they will be in fulfillment to the command of "go."

I love the Church because it is a missionary Church. I am a missionary and have heard and obeyed the voice of the Master. "Go ye into all the world and preach, and teach, the gospel" is followed by "and these signs shall follow them that believe . . . I am with you alway, even to the end of the world," and, "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We, the Church of God, have the power to set the captive free; we have the gospel; we have the message that the world needs today, not only the civilized world, but also those hidden in the dark unexplored regions of the earth.

The Macedonian call comes from other countries and new fields in the occupied countries. No one seems to heed the call from souls abandoned in sin, paganism, and idolatry. They are sheep as prey for wolves. They are flocks cared for by pastors who do nothing more than to be dressed by their wool and fattened by their milk and cream. They are hungry souls seeking God. They want the full gospel which we have. They want to enjoy the same victory which we enjoy. These are not statements to

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Teaching the World

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The great commission given by our Lord made provisions for a teaching program as an essential part of God's world-wide plan of propagating the gospel. The Church of God has in mind a well-balanced mission endeavor, an enterprise that takes Christ to all people of all ages.

In order to supply the demands for more workers, better prepared preachers, competent Sunday School teachers and youth workers, we have established several schools throughout the world. We briefly introduce those operating in the Latin American Department.

The International Preparatory Institute, located in San Antonio, Texas, is dedicated to the preparation of missionaries and other workers for our different fields. Since its beginning, students from twenty countries have attended the I.P.I. Presently, about sixty young people are studying to better serve the Master. Brother Wayne McAfee is the president.

In Mexico City we have the Mexican Bible Institute, which has an annual enrollment of about twenty from Central Mexico. Brother Alejandro Portugal, Jr., serves as the overseer of Central Mexico and also as president of the M.B.I.

In Central America, where Brother and Sister O'neil McCullough are working with the Central American Bible Institute, we have about twenty-five eager students who study and also preach in the neighboring villages.

Brother Norva Skaggs is principal of our Elementary School in Utila Island, Honduras. We have sixty students who are being taught the first through the sixth grades.

We have a six weeks' course that is offered annually to our Indian believers of the Tobas tribe. Brother Marcos Mazzucco heads these classes.

We have a short-term Bible School operating each summer, under Brother Apolinar Castro, in Ciudad Obregon, Mexico. Last year they had thirty-five students.

Besides these institutions, the Latin American Department has over 400 students enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. This course of twenty-four lessons is handled from the offices of the superintendent.

We desire to have more schools, more students, and thus we anticipate covering the open fields as quickly as possible.—Vessie D. Hargrave.



WAYNE C. McAFEE
President of the International Preparatory Institute.



The 1953 graduates of the International Preparatory Institute.

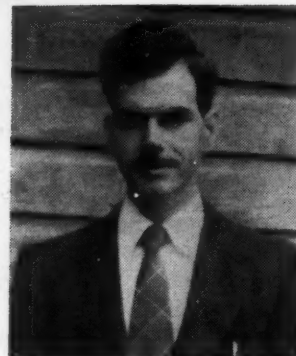


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Principal of Lee School in Honduras, Central America.



All Men

By VESSIE D. HARGRAVE

"Who will have *all men* to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth," 1 Timothy 2:4.

INTRODUCTION: The compassionate heart of God bleeds for the salvation of all men. He "gave his only begotten Son" so that "*whosoever*" believeth on Him should not perish. His Son said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw *all men* unto me," John 12:32.

Salvation is for *all men*. 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, "Because the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them; and rose again."

Oftentimes we are prone to be satisfied with the salvation of our own relatives and neighbors. However, God's plan of redemption is for all men. Persecution scattered the early believers, and they went from place to place declaring the message of Jesus, first in "Jerusalem," then "Judea, Canaan, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Bartholomew went to India; Peter, to Cornelius, the Gentile's home; Paul, to Asia Minor and Europe; Thomas, to Parthia; Simon Zelotes, to Mauritania, Africa; Mark, to Alexandria; John the Beloved, to Asia Minor; Luke, to Greece; and Matthew, to Ethiopia.

Not only did the early apostolic leaders launch out in new fields, but this same spirit continued during the early and medieval church period. Men dared to go against the tide of the barbaric host that moved southward in Europe. Ulfilas became the apostle to the Goths, giving the peoples north of the Danube River the Word of God. Boniface was Germany's early missionary. He valiantly cut the sacred oak dedicated to the worship of Thor. Francis Xavier, the zealous Catholic missionary to Japan and China, was so overwhelmed by the mission zeal that he cried: "O Rock! O Rock! when will you open to my master?" when he was refused entry into China.

The thought *all men* is an all-inclusive term. No specific nationality is implied; no particular color is stipulated; there is no definite geographical boundary defined; no racial discrimination is permitted in the implication; there is no language preferential, nor social segregation inferred in the thought.

The Church of God is in an all-out, world-wide crusade to reclaim men from the clutches of idolatry, paganism, no-God communism, and devil worship. In order to take the gospel to "all men" of "all nations," we must have a well defined and properly balanced mission program.

OUR MISSION APPROACH should be in keeping with the times in which we live, and not in antiquated methods.

We must make haste. We are no longer living in the "horse-and-buggy days" of missions. Travel has changed; living conditions have changed. At one time the foreign missionary did most of the work, while today we must recognize the value of our native personnel. They should do most of the preaching, a lot of the teaching, all of the baptizing and performing marriages. By all means the pastoring should be done by our native brethren.

OUR MISSION CALL should be based upon a sincere

conviction and a direct and profound call of God, and not upon romantic stories of missionary explorations.

The stories surrounding David Livingstone in his travels about Africa stir us. The accounts of Charles T. Furman, of Guatemala, serve as a challenge to the young minister. The escapades with death by missionaries serve as the basis for many missionary talks. Essentially, a call to a foreign mission work is recognizing the great need because of divine revelation, which ordinarily will be reflected upon the called missionary by a profound burden for sin-benighted souls beyond our own borders.

OUR MISSION APPEAL should not be based upon the emotions, but upon the super sense of responsibility—Christian responsibility.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" should be answered affirmatively, and that with a heartfelt conviction of deep concern for "all men." Our responsibility is far-reaching. The heathen appeals to the layman of America to "send your preacher and his message" so that he can at least hear once that which you hear each week.

OUR MISSION GIVING should not be prompted by hair-raising, weird stories of missionary sufferings, but by love for lost men everywhere.

Missionaries and native preachers have been stoned, beaten, jailed, and killed; their churches have been burned, dynamited, or destroyed otherwise. These things should stir us to action, but of greater importance we should be interested in proclaiming the story of the risen Lord to the teeming millions who know nothing of His saving grace. Our giving should be in accord with our possibilities; then our blessings will be in accord with our giving. Men who take the gospel to heathen and idolatrous peoples will suffer severely, and many will suffer unto death. They, in turn, will receive their reward for having complied with their commission, but you must be sure that you have obeyed the same voice by exerting every possible effort—spiritual, financial and otherwise—to replace the fallen warrior and support the hands of his replacement.

OUR MISSION SCOPE or radius of influence embraces all peoples of all the world. We are international in our overall program while indigenous in our approach.

The Church is not keeping pace with the increase of the world's population. While the world population increased 32 per cent, all Protestant churches increased only 19 per cent. The overall world population increase annually is estimated at more than 44 million. The Church of God is now working in more than 50 countries of the world. We are confronted with international situations which seem to shake the whole world. Practically every new law, the world over, affects the constituency of the Church. Some oppressive measures move us to a compassionate feeling for our brethren. Ours is not a church limited to the demands of our United States constituency, but the far-reaching international scope of the church requires thoughtful study of our approach to church government and religious practices.

OUR MISSION METHODS should be universal for effectiveness.

We would limit our approach if we thought only in terms of our Anglo-American demands. Africa, Latin America, India, and Europe demand consideration, and in order to develop on a high plane in any country, we must have a universal approach which will appeal to people of all languages and customs. Precisely the gospel will

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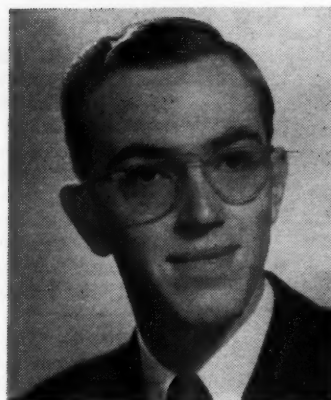
Brother Norva Skaggs is principal of our Elementary School in Utila Island, Honduras. We have sixty students who are being taught the first through the sixth grades.

We have a six weeks' course that is offered annually to our Indian believers of the Tobas tribe. Brother Marcos Mazzucco heads these classes.

We have a short-term Bible School operating each summer, under Brother Apolinar Castro, in Ciudad Obregon, Mexico. Last year they had thirty-five students.

Besides these institutions, the Latin American Department has over 400 students enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. This course of twenty-four lessons is handled from the offices of the superintendent.

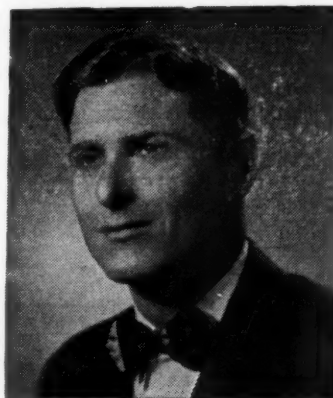
We desire to have more schools, more students, and thus we anticipate covering the open fields as quickly as possible.—Vessie D. Hargrave.



WAYNE C. McAFEE
President of the International Preparatory Institute.



The 1953 graduates of the International Preparatory Institute.

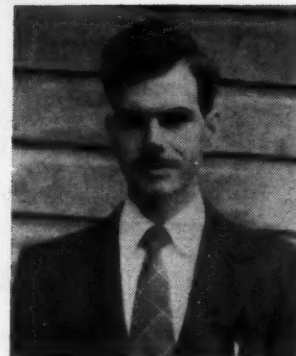


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Supervisor of Central Mexico and president of the Mexico Bible Institute.

NORVA E. SKAGGS
Principal of Lee School in Honduras, Central America.



All Men

By VESSIE D. HARGRAVE

"Who will have *all men* to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth," 1 Timothy 2:4.

INTRODUCTION: The compassionate heart of God bleeds for the salvation of all men. He "gave his only begotten Son" so that "*whosoever*" believeth on Him should not perish. His Son said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw *all men* unto me," John 12:32.

Salvation is for *all men*. 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, "Because the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them; and rose again."

Oftentimes we are prone to be satisfied with the salvation of our own relatives and neighbors. However, God's plan of redemption is for all men. Persecution scattered the early believers, and they went from place to place declaring the message of Jesus, first in "Jerusalem," then "Judea, Canaan, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Bartholomew went to India; Peter, to Cornelius, the Gentile's home; Paul, to Asia Minor and Europe; Thomas, to Parthia; Simon Zelotes, to Mauritania, Africa; Mark, to Alexandria; John the Beloved, to Asia Minor; Luke, to Greece; and Matthew, to Ethiopia.

Not only did the early apostolic leaders launch out in new fields, but this same spirit continued during the early and medieval church period. Men dared to go against the tide of the barbaric host that moved southward in Europe. Ulfilas became the apostle to the Goths, giving the peoples north of the Danube River the Word of God. Boniface was Germany's early missionary. He valiantly cut the sacred oak dedicated to the worship of Thor. Francis Xavier, the zealous Catholic missionary to Japan and China, was so overwhelmed by the mission zeal that he cried: "O Rock! O Rock! when will you open to my master?" when he was refused entry into China.

The thought *all men* is an all-inclusive term. No specific nationality is implied; no particular color is stipulated; there is no definite geographical boundary defined; no racial discrimination is permitted in the implication; there is no language preferential, nor social segregation inferred in the thought.

The Church of God is in an all-out, world-wide crusade to reclaim men from the clutches of idolatry, paganism, no-God communism, and devil worship. In order to take the gospel to "all men" of "all nations," we must have a well defined and properly balanced mission program.

OUR MISSION APPROACH *should be in keeping with the times in which we live, and not in antiquated methods.*

We must make haste. We are no longer living in the "horse-and-buggy days" of missions. Travel has changed; living conditions have changed. At one time the foreign missionary did most of the work, while today we must recognize the value of our native personnel. They should do most of the preaching, a lot of the teaching, all of the baptizing and performing marriages. By all means the pastoring should be done by our native brethren.

OUR MISSION CALL *should be based upon a sincere*

conviction and a direct and profound call of God, and not upon romantic stories of missionary explorations.

The stories surrounding David Livingstone in his travels about Africa stir us. The accounts of Charles T. Furman, of Guatemala, serve as a challenge to the young minister. The escapades with death by missionaries serve as the basis for many missionary talks. Essentially, a call to a foreign mission work is recognizing the great need because of divine revelation, which ordinarily will be reflected upon the called missionary by a profound burden for sin-benighted souls beyond our own borders.

OUR MISSION APPEAL *should not be based upon the emotions, but upon the super sense of responsibility—Christian responsibility.*

"Am I my brother's keeper?" should be answered affirmatively, and that with a heartfelt conviction of deep concern for "all men." Our responsibility is far-reaching. The heathen appeals to the layman of America to "send your preacher and his message" so that he can at least hear once that which you hear each week.

OUR MISSION GIVING *should not be prompted by hair-raising, weird stories of missionary sufferings, but by love for lost men everywhere.*

Missionaries and native preachers have been stoned, beaten, jailed, and killed; their churches have been burned, dynamited, or destroyed otherwise. These things should stir us to action, but of greater importance we should be interested in proclaiming the story of the risen Lord to the teeming millions who know nothing of His saving grace. Our giving should be in accord with our possibilities; then our blessings will be in accord with our giving. Men who take the gospel to heathen and idolatrous peoples will suffer severely, and many will suffer unto death. They, in turn, will receive their reward for having complied with their commission, but you must be sure that you have obeyed the same voice by exerting every possible effort—spiritual, financial and otherwise—to replace the fallen warrior and support the hands of his replacement.

OUR MISSION SCOPE *or radius of influence embraces all peoples of all the world. We are international in our overall program while indigenous in our approach.*

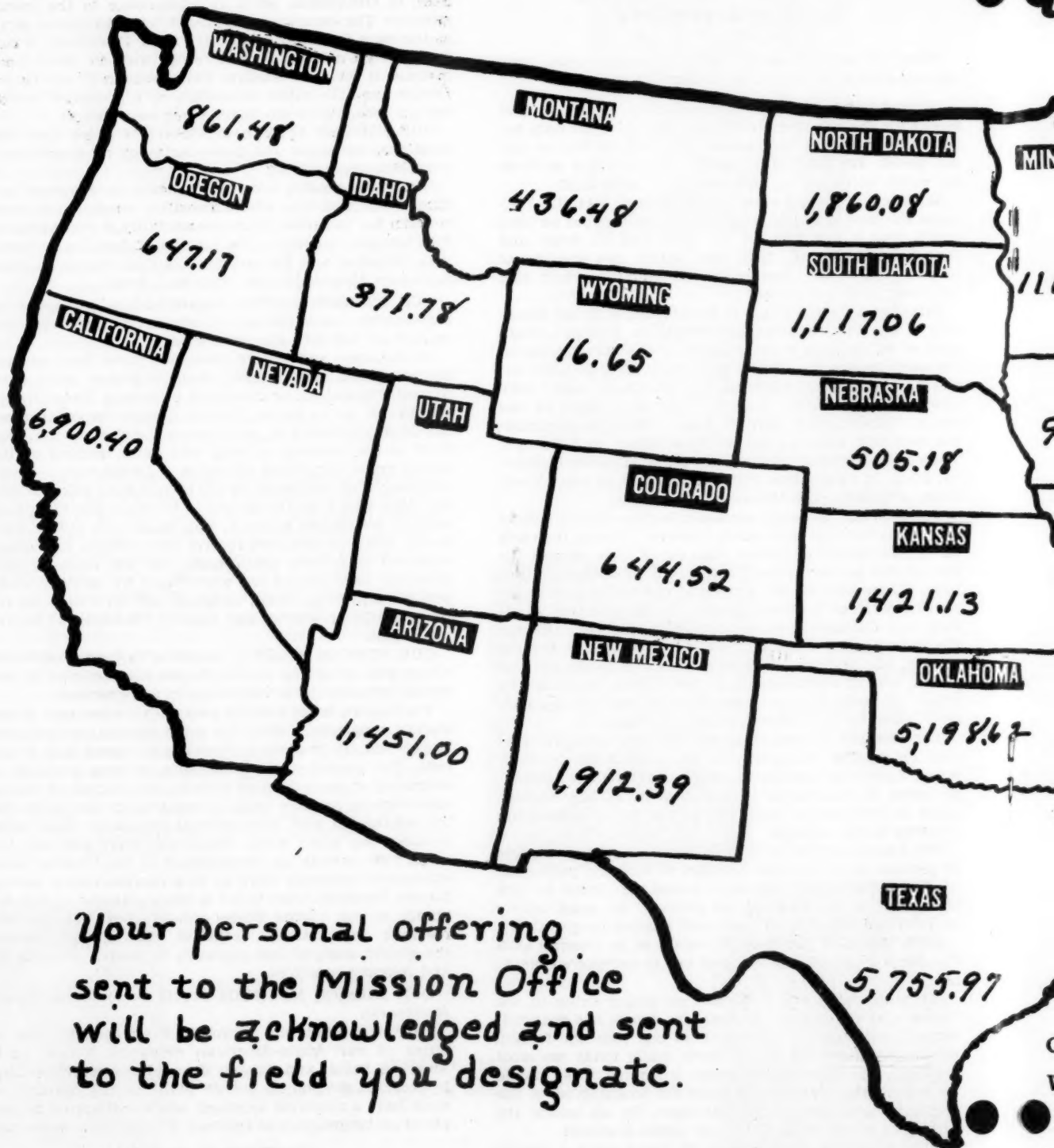
The Church is not keeping pace with the increase of the world's population. While the world population increased 32 per cent, all Protestant churches increased only 19 per cent. The overall world population increase annually is estimated at more than 44 million. The Church of God is now working in more than 50 countries of the world. We are confronted with international situations which seem to shake the whole world. Practically every new law, the world over, affects the constituency of the Church. Some oppressive measures move us to a compassionate feeling for our brethren. Ours is not a church limited to the demands of our United States constituency, but the far-reaching international scope of the church requires thoughtful study of our approach to church government and religious practices.

OUR MISSION METHODS *should be universal for effectiveness.*

We would limit our approach if we thought only in terms of our Anglo-American demands. Africa, Latin America, India, and Europe demand consideration, and in order to develop on a high plane in any country, we must have a universal approach which will appeal to people of all languages and customs. Precisely the gospel will

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REAPING REWARD



Your personal offering
sent to the Mission Office
will be acknowledged and sent
to the field you designate.

RDING RESULTS

U. S. A. Membership Equaled \$2.57 per Capita



Did You Know That ...

The worst case of cannibalism in the history of the State of Chihuahua, Chih, Mexico, was committed in the village of Baquiachi, where five-year-old Ramon Sandoval Espino was killed, cooked, and eaten by a drunken Indian? The infuriated inhabitants of the State are demanding that the sixty-year-old murderer, who has confessed to the crime, be given the supreme penalty.—Translation from the "Prensa," San Antonio, Texas, Spanish daily newspaper.

Bible School in El Salvador reports the following student activities: 9 persons saved, 1 sanctified, 20 churches and missions visited, 156 homes visited, 15 Sunday School classes taught, and 82 pieces of literature distributed?

In the Latin American department we have approximately 800 churches, with a membership of 35,000 in some 16 territories and countries?

25,000 Christians lost their lives in the recent persecution in Colombia, South America?

There are 174,000 martyrs resting in the Catacombs of St. Sebastian in Rome, Italy? Could YOU make the supreme sacrifice?

It's a fact that on October 14, 1644, the first religious marriage ceremony in Mexico was performed!

Our missionary in Costa Rica, Central America, Reverend Noel H. DeSouza, who is also a graduate of our missionary training school here in San Antonio, is a prisoner, under police guard, in his home in Costa Rica and is suffering persecution by the Gospel-hating Catholics in that place? He needs our prayers.

Reverend V. D. Hargrave, Superintendent of Latin America, and Antonio Bonilla, youth director of Mexico and Central America, have recently returned from a missions tour of Western Tennessee? During this one-week visit with our brethren there, over \$5,400 was raised for the cause of missions.

Nothing is easier to float than a rumor—nor harder to sink.—**God's Revivalist.**

"If the world is ever to again get on its feet, the Church will have to again get on its knees.—**David Dawson.**



A LIVE Y. P. E. AT PIKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

These eleven young people, with a number of others that do not appear in this picture, came through with a fine offering of \$45 for foreign missions to be used as needed most. This is good work and is greatly appreciated by the fine group of young people at Pikeville, Tennessee.

It also shows that their pastor, Reverend Norman Simms, is cooperative in this great enterprise of sending the news of salvation to the lost in the faraway lands. May God continue to bless their efforts in behalf of the mission cause.

LETTERS

What is in a letter? Letters bear messages of sadness, hope, and security.

We, in the Missions Department, have tried to send our letters to the various nations throughout the earth to our people, to bring them words of comfort and cheer.

From November 11 through December 11, the Missions Department mailed out 29,994 letters. Many of them were sent to EVANGEL subscribers, opening the door of opportunity through which Christmas gifts might be given to our missionaries and their promotion in the cause of God. The response has been gratifying.

Every month we try our best to send a form letter to our missionaries on the field, bringing them news of interest of the developments here at home.

Yes, our staff has really been busy in caring for the correspondence that befalls the duty of the Missions Department. We are all happy in our work in whatever field we serve God and His Church.

The Oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep; he was in front. Any attempt upon them had to take him into account. Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. But God is there already, and all the tomorrows of our life have to pass before Him before they can get to us.—**F. B. Meyer.**

Data From the Mission Field

In a recent survey of the mission fields throughout the world, as listed below, we were furnished with data that I believe will be of value to those who are interested in the promotion of God's cause in other lands.

We should like to suggest that any church, Sunday school, Y.P.E., Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, or individual may subscribe to the various projects listed below by giving whatever they feel the Lord lays on their hearts to accomplish something worth-while for the lost and dying in heathen lands.

In the event that you wish to support a native missionary, build a church, buy a lot, buy a bicycle, or any other item that is listed, or an item of which you might think that is not listed and something the Missions Department could help you in, we suggest that you do as you feel led of the Lord.

Send all offerings for any projects you have suggested to the Missions Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. We will acknowledge your gift and send it on to the field designated that you have decided to support. You may feel free to write us at any time; we always stand ready to give efficient service as far as is humanly possible. We want you to feel free to consult with us as to where the need is greatest.

The missionaries from the field listed below gave the following data. To this any church, Sunday School, Y.P.E., or individual may subscribe by their gifts to help the lost and dying in heathen lands hear the glorious gospel.

TUNISIA, AFRICA:

Cost of supporting a single native preacher—\$30 per month.

Cost of building a church 28 by 50 feet, brick—\$1,000, stone—\$1,800.

Cost of a building lot the proper size—approximately \$200.

Cost of a bicycle—about \$70.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$12.50 to \$20 per month.

Cost of building a church, brick or stone—\$1,000.

Cost of a bicycle—\$40.

ALASKA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$200 per month.

Cost of building a church—from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Cost of a building lot the proper size—approximately \$500.

BAHAMAS:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$30 per month.

Cost of building a church in Nassau—\$600, if rock is furnished.

Cost of a building lot, outer islands—\$60; Nassau—\$280.

BARBADOS:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$30 per month.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40 feet—\$2,000.
 Cost of a building lot, 50 by 100 feet—approximately \$1,000.

BERMUDA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$100 per month.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40 feet—\$8,000 to \$10,000.
 Cost of a building lot the proper size—approximately \$1,000.

BRAZIL:

Cost of supporting a single native preacher—\$25 per month.
 Cost of building a church, wood—\$800; brick—\$1,400.
 Cost of a building lot the proper size—approximately \$500.

CUBA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$50 per month.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40 feet—\$2,000.
 Cost of a building lot—\$300.
 Cost of a horse—\$50.

BRITISH HONDURAS:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$40 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$1,800.
 Cost of a building lot, in town—\$2,000; outer districts, \$300.
 Cost of a bicycle—\$65.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$30 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$5,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$1,000.

EL SALVADOR:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$20 per month.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40

feet—\$500.

Cost of a building lot—approximately \$200.
 Cost of a donkey—\$60.

GERMANY:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$75 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$12,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000.

GUATEMALA:

Cost of supporting a single native preacher—\$30.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40 feet, adobe—\$650, brick—\$900.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$150 to \$2,000, according to location and size.

HAWAII:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$250 per month.
 Cost of building a church, wooden—\$10,000; tile, \$25,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$3,000 and up.

HONDURAS:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$50 per month.
 Cost of building a church 28 by 40 feet—\$700.
 Cost of a building lot—\$200.

INDIA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$15 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$1,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$200.
 Cost of a bicycle—\$100.
 Cost of supporting a student in Mount Zion School—\$6.00 per month.

JAMAICA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$10 to \$50 per month.
 Cost of building a church, stone—\$1,000; bamboo—\$100.
 Cost of a building lot—from \$100,

country; to \$3,000, city.
 Cost of a donkey—\$50.

MIDDLE EAST:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$40 per month.
 Cost of building a church—from \$600 to \$6,000, according to location.
 Cost of a building lot—from \$300, rural section; to \$3,000 in the city.

PANAMA:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$25 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$500 to \$3,500, according to location.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$450.
 Cost of a horse—approximately \$90.

PERU:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$50 per month.
 Cost of building a church—approximately \$1,500.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$1,000.
 Cost of a donkey—\$25.

PHILIPPINES:

Cost of supporting a single native preacher—\$45 per month.
 Cost of building a church, adobe—\$10,000; wood—\$3,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$125.
 Cost of a donkey—\$50.

PUERTO RICO:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$75 per month.
 Cost of building a church—\$2,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$2,000.

SICILY:

Cost of supporting a native preacher—\$50 per month.
 Cost of building a church, stone and brick—\$40,000.
 Cost of a building lot—approximately \$6,000.

ALL MEN

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do that; therefore, our thinking and overall planning must include "all men" in order to effectively embrace the whole world with "this gospel."

OUR MISSION DOCTRINE should be Biblical.

The message of Jesus Christ is all-sufficient. No variation from the truth is necessary in order to enjoy results. This gospel of the kingdom in its unadulterated form is needed the world over. It should alarm us to know that Mohammedanism has doubled since the beginning of the twentieth century; that in French West Africa they gain fourteen converts to every one gained by all Christian churches; that they sent 4,000 fully trained Islam missionaries to Africa in one year, whereas the entire evangelical force includes only about 5,000 for the whole continent; that there are about 1,000,000 Protestants in Brazil, whereas there are over 10,000,000 spiritualists; that of the 2,300,000,000 of the world's population, approximately 1,700,000,000 are not Christians, that over 440,000,000 of the people of the world have no religion at

all; that of the approximately 2,300 languages of the world, the Bible has been translated into 1,059 languages and dialects.

In order to satisfy the challenging demand that is placed upon the Church today, *we should have the vision of William Carey, who said in his farewell address before leaving his native England: "Yonder in India is a gold mine. I will descend and dig, but you at home must hold the ropes." Again he said: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." We should demonstrate our consecration and fervent zeal like Henry Martyn who said upon landing in India: "Now let me burn out for God." He did this very thing, and was finally buried in the desert sands of Togat, Armenia. We should have a constant faith in our program as Melvin Cox who said while dying: "Let a thousand fall (die) before Africa is given up." We should be pushed, ever forward, by a burning conviction as Bishop Taylor Smith who said before passing over the great divide: "If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave of Liberia, to gain by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection."*

The Lee College Mission Club and the Mission Board

Pictured on the front cover is the Lee College Mission Club, which is under the able leadership of Mrs. Avis Swiger, who has been vitally interested in foreign missions for many years and who has sponsored the Lee College Mission Club at Lee College from year to year and is hard at work again this year at Lee.

A special "foreign missions emphasis week" was arranged by the Club during the Foreign Missions Board meeting in Cleveland, Tennessee, September 28-30.

On the morning of the 28th the Executive Missions Secretary addressed the student body on behalf of the foreign missions program and policy. On Tuesday morning the members of the Missions Board met with the students and are shown in the picture on the front row, reading from left to right: Reverends Earl P. Paulk, Chairman; Raymond Morse; Wade H. Horton, Field Representative; J. H. Walker; S. E. Jennings; Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary; A. M. Phillips; D. A. Biggs; and W. E. Johnson; also, Mrs. Pearl M. Stark, missionary on furlough from Angola.

During this service the entire student body seemed to be present and filled the spacious auditorium on the main floor to just about capacity. Each one of the Board members brought a brief message which was enjoyed by everyone.

On Wednesday morning Sister Stark addressed the student body. Her message was greatly appreciated.

On Thursday morning Brother Horton addressed the student body. Following his address he gave an opportunity for consecration, and a goodly number came forward, dedicating their lives to a closer walk with God. All these services were met with the presence of the Lord, and we were all made to rejoice. We appreciate the deep sincerity and cooperation of the students very much, and believe that from this student body in the near future will come forth some dedicated lives for God.

If you will notice on the register for missionaries on the back page of each *Macedonian Call*, you can count at least 51 who attended Lee College who are now on the mission field. This is inclusive, of course, of the missionaries and their wives. Then there are still more who have attended other Bible schools who are listed on the register of the missionaries; for instance, the group that attended the International Preparatory Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and the Northwest Bible and Music Academy in Minot, North Dakota. We say, "Hats off" to our schools for the fine training they have given the missionaries who are now rendering invaluable service to God and the Church in far-away lands!

"COME, BEHOLD THE WORKS OF THE LORD!"

Psalms 46:8

Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary

Heaven is our goal, and we need not go empty-handed. The works of the Lord are declared through His humble servants who are consecrated to a course and with the courage of a true soldier of the cross to rescue the lost.

This has been a great year. The offerings of the States, as shown on the map, are very wonderful, but some of us may feel we could have done better. One is made to exclaim, "Behold what God hath wrought!"

There must be no slackening of our determination to carry the gospel to the lost. **THE ALARM MUST BE SOUNDED, yes, SOUNDED FAR AND NEAR.** The end of the age is upon us, and Jesus is coming soon, very soon. **SOUND AN ALARM! AWAKE TO THE NEED OF THE HOUR; TELL OF HIS LOVE; MAKE KNOWN YOUR SAVIOUR'S NAME. SOUND AN ALARM! SEEK NOW THE SPIRIT'S POWER, AND WORK UNTIL ALL ARE FREE FROM SIN'S STRONG CHAIN.** (Fletcher)

It was said at our last General Assembly, by Brother H. C. Stoppe, superintendent of the West Indies, that \$100,000 would be our goal between Assemblies. That would mean thousands of souls won for Christ and the Church in the many mission fields. **O GOD, SEND THE BURDEN FOR THE LOST UPON US. GRANT THAT WE MAY ALL GIVE AND PRAY AS NEVER BEFORE.** We must sow the seed. We must send the message.

In 1911, the mission offering for the entire Church was \$21.05. The membership was 1,855 and none in foreign lands. In 1912, there was no foreign mission offering at all, but the \$21.05 the year before gained a foreign land membership of 29. In 1913, the Church had a membership of 3,056, a mission offering of \$22.55, with a membership in foreign lands of 60. But today, the story is different, and may our zeal be for the lost in all the world. Dear friend, what did you give this year? Are you to be counted with the ones who have done their part?

REVEREND D. B. HATFIELD AND FAMILY RETURN HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

Reverend D. B. Hatfield and family, who have worked in the Middle East for the past six and a half years, have returned home on furlough.

It is gratifying to note the accomplishment by our missionary in the Middle East, so far away from our shores.

On April 1, 1950, to November 15, 1953, the spiritual results in Cyprus, Jordan, and Egypt add up to 1,476 converted, 583 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 83 baptized in water, 1,354 added to the Church, 34,157 sermons preached, 41,837 homes visited, and 100 revivals conducted. We praise the Lord for this accomplishment in and around the Mediterranean Sea.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION IN GUATEMALA

By James C. Beaty, Missionary

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father; and from the Lord Jesus Christ," Philipians 1:2.

The National Youth Conference, which I mentioned in my last letter, ended November 29, with about 800 present for the closing service. There was quite a variety of services. Some were given for instructions in soul winning, Sunday School, etc., and others for devotion and evangelistic activities. I believe the youth here were greatly encouraged and that they now understand more of their position in the Church of tomorrow, as well as the Church of TODAY.

Brother Pullin, overseer of Guatemala, and Sister Pullin, and their daughter Dorothy and granddaughter, Karen, who were visiting Guatemala, also attended the conference. Dorothy took a very active part in the Youth Conference, and the Lord greatly anointed her as she ministered the Word.

As soon as possible we plan to begin some revival campaigns, which has proved to be a great blessing in the salvation of souls, divine healing for their bodies, and also has been the means of opening many new fields to the full gospel.

BEATY OF GUATEMALA WRITES . . .

Last week we returned from a trip to Usputan, where we attended their annual district conference. The Lord blessed the conference especially in one of the services when a witch doctor and about eight other persons accepted Christ as their Saviour. Also, many received divine healing in their bodies. For all of this we praise the Lord.

The school term for this year in El Salvador has just terminated. The students of Guatemala who attended have returned. I was talking with one from our district who attended this term, and the school has been a great blessing to him. We are more than happy for the results the school in El Salvador is bringing. Our greatest need in Guatemala now is more trained native workers. We have far more fields now than we have workers to place. We believe that having the school in El Salvador will be the means of supplying these much-needed workers.

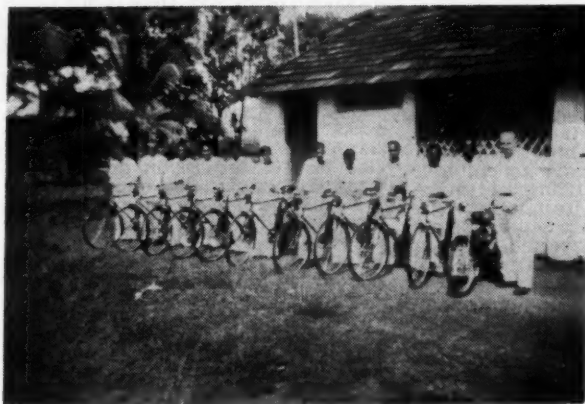
A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES

We knew that one of our missionaries was having a little difficulty in carrying on, and the Lord opened the way for him to get a gift of \$50.00. This is what he says:

"We are very grateful for the \$50.00. I was able to buy a new pair of shoes. The pair I was wearing was without tongues; both came off. Anyone would think I didn't believe in tongues anymore."

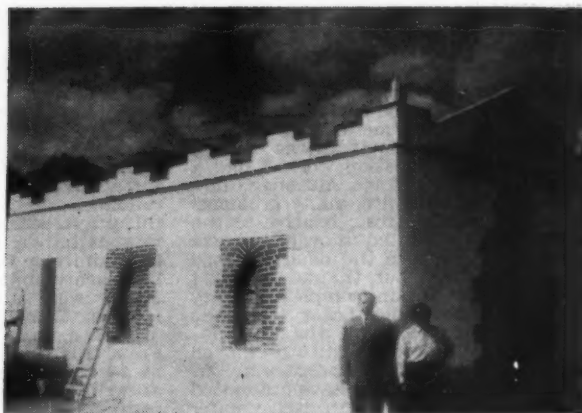
He believes in "tongues," and he has a new pair of shoes with a tongue in each. Thank the Lord for the vision that a donor had.

**BICYCLES FOR INDIA FROM OHIO
AND KANSAS IN 1953**



The above picture shows the bicycles that were bought by the youth of Ohio and the folks at Parson, Kansas, for our Church of God workers in India. To the extreme right Brother Pospisil is heading the line with these fine workers that go over this vast land with the gospel of redemption.

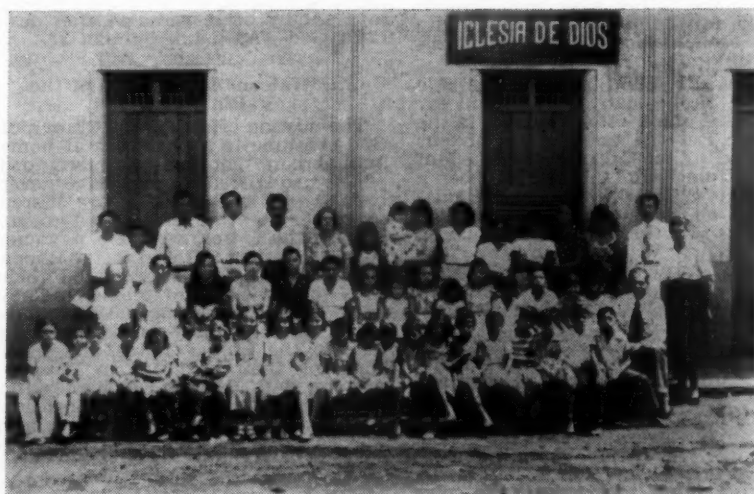
This is great work and his highly appreciated. My, how hearts will rejoice when they come to the end of the way and the sheaves are gathered in! Those who have sacrificed will then realize that they will have a part in the harvest.



Tepeji del Rio Church of God on the day of its dedication.

Let men laugh, if they will, when you sacrifice desire to duty—you have time and eternity to rejoice in.

The Kekchi, Guatemala, burial is unique inasmuch as the coffin is turned round and round in the grave to fool the devil. For this service, the witch doctor charges 10 cents a bottle of "aguardiente" and a fat hen.



A group of our brethren in the Managua, Nicaragua church of which Brother and Sister Pedro Abreu of the Dominican Republic are the pastors and missionaries in charge. They have started a new church to house this fine group of people.

WORK OPENS IN THE ISLAND OF ROATAN

The pulpit and the sign outside the wooden church in the Island of Roatan remain until the day of dedication.

Sister Lucille McCrutchen is doing a good work on these islands, opening Sunday Schools and promoting the cause of God. We appreciate her work very much, and we know the readers of the *Evangel* rejoice that another church in another needy field, which serves as a lighthouse to bring a message of good cheer to benighted souls, has been erected.



TESTIMONIES FROM LATIN AMERICA

When I was very young, I was converted through the efforts of a group of valiant Christians preaching on a street corner on one cold winter night. Later they invited me to their services, and I felt that the Lord was dealing with me about mission work. I had a deep love for lost souls. Although, during my Christian life, many problems with my family arose, relative to the liberty that I wanted in order to serve the Lord, and also the devil tempted me many times, but, thanks to God, I was able to obtain complete victory over all these things. Later, I had the privilege of attending the International Preparatory Institute, moved by an ardent desire to prepare myself for the mission field. I have graduated from this school with an even greater desire to go to the field; however, matters beyond my control have impeded my going, but it is my hope and prayer that soon, with the help of the Lord, I will be on the field working for my Lord. Pray for me.—Rosa Vega, Chile, Arg.

I thank the Lord for salvation, sanctification, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. My only determination is to serve Him, and, whatever I do, I want Him to receive the glory, for, indeed, He is worthy. With gratitude I remember the day God called me to preach His gospel. My answer to His tender voice was "Yes, Lord; I will go." It is a happy privilege of mine to be called a servant of the Almighty.

It was hard to leave my home and my friends to come to a foreign land, nevertheless I am happy because I feel that I am in the divine will of God.

Pray for me that I may redeem the time while here at the International Preparatory Institute.—Hoover Whitefield, Utila, Bay Island, Honduras.

Miss Madeline Odom, Missionary to Brazil

Miss Madeline Odom, of Birmingham, Alabama, is a missionary in every sense of the word, even though she is unable to go personally to some foreign field. She serves as a missionary by sending approximately 400 Portuguese *Evangelos*, the official organ and important missionary of the Church of God, to many places throughout Brazil, where our resident missionary, A. J. Widmer, could never go. She has been sending \$20.00 for several months, and that is helping us send the good news to many people who would otherwise never see a missionary.

Perhaps you would like to be a missionary and send a regular monthly offering to the Executive Missions Secretary, designating it for one of the countries where we do not have an established work. Just inform him that you want it to be for the Spanish, Portuguese, or Italian *EVANGEL*, and we will see that this literature goes to one of the countries where it is needed. Or, you may suggest the country, and we will work according to your request.

What the Church of God Means to Me and My Family

It was in 1934 when my family first heard of the Church of God through the ministry of our beloved Sister Mary W. Atkinson, missionary to the northern part of the State of Sonora, Mexico. My grandfather, a very sinful man (and ardent Catholic), was converted in 1936. On his deathbed, he called his children to him and prayed this prayer: "Lord, I leave my children in your hands. Save them, and make my family a Christian family." The Lord heard that prayer. Several of my uncles were also converted, and in 1940 my father, a cruel irresponsible drunkard, gave his heart to the Lord. From this time on, he bestowed upon us a pure and holy fatherly love such as we had never known before. The conflicts caused by his vices ceased, but other problems arose. My mother, a fanatic Catholic, condemned the Protestant religion and fought against it bitterly. My father insisted on teaching us the Lord's way, and my mother taught us the Catholic way. At last, in 1941, my mother surrendered to the Lord. Both my mother and father were sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our home was the first contact the Church of God had among the Indians in Rio Mayo. Some years later, my father became the pastor of the local church there. Since their conversion, my mother and father have been Church of God. All the children of the family have been dedicated to the Lord's service.

In 1947, I found myself miserable because of the many problems in my young life, and I lost all interest in the Church. But the Lord moved on our beloved Brother Hargrave, and he lent me a helping hand. My life has been a direct result of Church of God missions. I was won to the Church indirectly by Brother J. H. Ingram and Sister Mary W. Atkinson, the first missionaries of the Church of God in Mexico, and directly won to the Church through the efforts of another great missionary, Rev. V. D. Hargrave. Also, I was educated and prepared for the ministry in our missionary training school in San Antonio, Texas, the International Preparatory Institute. Five of the eight children in our family have attended this school from 1947-53. What the Church of God means to me and to my family cannot be put into words. We have heard and believed the full gospel. Five members of the family are ministers in the Church . . . two more work in the Church, doing what they can for the glory of God.

During the time I have served God as a minister of the Church of God, in the mountains, valleys, cities, and villages, I have seen the glory of God among His people. I serve God, not because I have been appointed, but because God has called me, and I know that He has equipped me for this assignment and prepared me to fight the devil and to set the captives free.

When my parents were converted, they knelt before God in gratitude and gave to Him their most valuable pos-

session, their oldest son. They made this vow: "Lord, receive our offering which we bring you. Here is our oldest son (I was eleven years old). We will care for him and do all we can for him in order that he might serve you." I was seventeen years old when my father called me and said: "Son, did you know that you are no longer ours?" I answered: "I don't understand." He told me, "We gave you to God for His service, in gratitude for what He had done in our home."

My mother is very sickly, but never has she wanted me to work for the family. She says: "It would kill me." By this she means that she has consecrated me to God, and she does not want to withdraw that which she has dedicated to Him. At one time my drunken father would beat her and grab her by the hair to drag her across the floor, while today he is a family-loving father who takes pride in his wife and children. For all this my mother feels grateful to a sin-forgiving God and to a Church that will send missionaries to those who do not know the truth.

I have served God together with my family, and this is a result of the glorious mission work of the Church of God throughout the world. My life is for God and for service in His Church. The Church of God is everything to me. It has meant the building of a holy home from a corrupted one, and the changing of an idolatrous family to a family of servants of the Most High God.—Antonino Bonilla, Jr.

The Watsons Head South of the Rio Bravo

The mission efforts of the Church of God continue to spread both at home and abroad. Thousands of our good people are stirred as they have never been stirred before. Some are stirred to give . . . some are stirred to go. Among the latter, we have a young couple, Brother Bill and Sister Rhoda Watson, who have consecrated their lives to the cause of missions. They have been conducting successful revivals among the Spanish churches here in the United States, and, after finishing their next one in Douglas, Arizona, with Brother Dominguez and his congregation, they will drop below the borders of the United States into Mexico, to the area of Sahuaripa, to carry the glorious message of Jesus Christ. Pray for this young couple, and if God lays it upon your heart to help support these who are giving their lives for the cause of missions, send your offering to Brother Paul H. Walker, telling him for whom it is intended, and he will see that it gets to them. God will reward this couple because of their faith, and will reward you for your giving. They are receiving no remuneration other than what God has impressed the people of the U. S. to send in.

"Let us lift up our banners,
For now there is beginning
Another year of anxious labor,
And we must work, for the Lord
is coming soon."

BLOOD-STAINED PATHS

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ters, the church bell on the Catholic church rang, notifying all to come to the destruction of the Church of God. The new church was destroyed with picks, poles, machetes, and shovels. You will notice in the accompanying pictures the results of this demon-inspired attack. Our brethren lost their homes, had to leave the village, and their crops and animals were taken over by the mad gang. These people did all this in the name of religion. They don't necessarily need punishment, but, to the contrary, they need to hear the gospel which saves men from sin, idolatry, and hatred.

Men who travel this path are heaven-bound, determined that "neither tribulation, nor distress, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor sword, nor death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

GO

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fill space; they are startling challenges to us. What shall we do in the face of these conditions? Shall we build and furnish luxurious houses? Shall we build beautiful cathedrals to honor our memory? Shall we first care for our personal interest and then try to fulfill our mission duty? There are many fields that are now closed doors, as far as mission work is concerned. Missionaries are being thrown from different countries and forced to return to their own country. This should not stop us, but should affect us in the same manner as a wounded beast. We should launch forward, fully determined to do the will of God. Remember, there are still many open doors.

We need personnel prepared spiritually, physically, and intellectually, not novices moved by a desire for adventure and the romantic, but men who have a burning passion for lost souls. We need men and women who are willing to go and sacrifice all for the Lord, those who will tie their lives to those of the natives, even though these may be poor Indians; not to prove nationality or racial superiority, but to "preach Christ and Him crucified"; not to establish a creed, but to let the truth shine in dark places.

More than a mission board has sent us. We represent more than the country from which we came. We are sent by Christ, King of Kings, and we are ambassadors of the celestial kingdom. All men need to promote missions in their sphere of influence. Men are needed who will give, as an offering, their lives to the cause of missions; men who will give, pray, and go. Those who go receive their reward; those who pray encourage those who go; and those who give help the one who is called to go.

Financial backing should be given in order to support our missionaries on the field. Furthermore we thus contribute to gain greater prestige with the governments of the countries in which we are working. We should support our foreign literature, such as tracts, Sunday School literature, and our various official organs. Thus our message will go to many places where our missionaries cannot go.

We may fulfill the command "go ye into all the world" by taking the gospel to a foreign country and letting the

native take it to his native fellowman, to whom the missionary could never go.

We may stimulate building churches by helping start one in a foreign country and then letting the natives continue to work.

We should back up our missionary educational institutions, supplying them not only financially, but, what is more important, teaching personnel capable of teaching, who know God, who know and love the Church, and who have a vision of world-wide missions.

We are responsible for preaching the gospel that saves from sin, heals bodies, casts out devils, sanctifies, and provides the comforting Holy Spirit.

If the message of the Church of God is known in fifty-six countries, this should stimulate us to do greater things. It is the golden opportunity of the Church, and we should take immediate action in the matter.

The imperative command "go" is accompanied by a positive promise of "I am with you." Psalm 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." While we see the fields white unto harvest, we also recognize that the laborers are few (and many of the few are lazy). We should not lose time asking ourselves if it is God's will. "Go," and you will come again bringing your sheaves with you.

If you cannot go, send others who are ready to go. Then effectively support them while they represent God's kingdom before men. Children, young people, adults, we all have a part in this gigantic world-wide mission endeavor. The voice of Christ has never died. The command He gave is still effective and when heeded will bring the same results that the early Church enjoyed.

The Lord will give us sufficient strength to obey and carry out His command to "go."



Notice this beautiful, permanent construction building which is the Church of God in Nueva Laredo, Mexico. This is just across the border from Laredo, Texas. Our brethren are now ready to put the roof on the building but can go no further since they do not have sufficient funds. This is a very nice concrete block church with a brick front. Sister Paula Chapa, a graduate of the International Preparatory Institute, was the one who started this building and today it is being pastored by Brother Roberto Vivas. The State of Mississippi has contributed to this building—wouldn't you like to help finish it?

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